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1. CONOFF INFORMED MR. GEORGES HEUMANN, THE CHIEF OF THE INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS IN SAN SALVADOR, OF DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTION THAT POST ENLIST RED CROSS AID IN INVESTIGATION OF DISAPPEARANCE OF SULLIVAN.

2. MR. HEUMAN TOOK NOTE OF DETAILS OF DISAPPEARANCE AND PROMISED FULL RED CROSS COOPERATION AND IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION TO POST IF ANY NEW FACTS OR CLUES COME TO LIGHT DURING THE COURSE OF ON-GOING RED CROSS INVESTIGATIONS OF OTHER KIDNAPPINGS AND SUSPICIOUS DISAPPEARANCES.

3. MR. HEUMANN STRESSED THAT RED CROSS ABILITY TO INVESTIGATE DISAPPEARANCES WAS LIMITED BOTH BY THE LOCAL SITUATION AND RESTRICTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS. HOWEVER, HE MENTIONED THAT RED CROSS HAS LIMITED AND STRICTLY LEGAL CONTACTS WITH THE SALVADORAN OPPOSITON AS WELL AS THE GOVERNMENT AND HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT BOTH SETS OF CONTACTS MIGHT POSSIBLY YIELD SOME EVIDENCE WHICH POST AND SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN THROUGH THEIR RESPECTIVE INVESTIGATIONS TO DATE.
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